

Parishes of Bellaghy (Ballyscullion) and Greenlough

3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent.



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Mass Times :

St Mary's, Bellaghy

Mon, Wed, and Fri 9.30am
Thurs 7 Dec, 7pm Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun, 11am

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady

Tues, 9.30am Thurs, 7.30pm.
(Adoration 9-5pm Thursday)
Fri 8 Dec, 9.30am Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

St Joseph's, Ballyscullion

Sun, 10am Fri 8 Dec, 7pm

Friday 8 December is The Feast of The Immaculate Conception and is a Holyday of Obligation.

St Joseph's Church, Ballyscullion, was opened on 8 December 1973. To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the church, Bishop McKeown will celebrate Mass there on Friday 8 December, at 7pm. Mass will be followed by a reception at Moneyglass Hall.

The Parish Pastoral Councils of Bellaghy and Greenlough met recently and discussed Mass Times for Christmas and the New Year.

The implementation of a new schedule will be suspended for a while, to allow for discussion and feedback. If you have any thoughts on Mass times please speak with a member of either PPC or with Fr Pat.

Obviously, not everyone's wishes or opinions can be honoured, but it would be important to keep in mind that the weekend timetable should allow for one priest to cover all the Masses as that will soon be the reality for our two parishes.

Greenlough St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 9/10 December.

Anniversaries this week:

Sat/Sun 2/3: Willie John McAteer (Anniversary Mass at 5.30pm), Dan Maguire (Anniversary Mass at 5.30pm), Peter McKenna (Month's Mind Mass at 11am), Deceased members of Bellaghy Wolfe Tones GAC, Harry Langan, Kevin Milne, Liam McCloskey, Kathleen O'Kane, Joseph McPeake, Sarah O'Neill, Bobby McLaughlin, Ellen Duffin, James Duffin, Margaret Mary Sargent (Month's Mind Mass Thurs 7 Dec at 7.30pm), Lizzie Darragh (Anniversary Mass Thurs at 7.30pm), Charles Campbell, Mary-Ellen McWilliams, Jim O'Loughlin, James O'Loughlin, Margaret Duffin, Eileen McCloy, Mickey Henry, Annie Henry, Anne McCallion, Philomena Cushley.

Sat/Sun 9/10 Dec: Sharon Scullion (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Patsy McDonnell (Anniversary Mass at 9am), The Lavery Family (Anniversary Mass at 10am), Jeannie Diamond, Gemma Mulholland, Willie Craig, Mary Blue, Frank Scullion, Willie McErlean, John O'Neill.

May they rest in peace.

St Vincent de Paul (Bellaghy) Family Appeal:



In previous years our community has generously donated to the Family Christmas Appeal. Once again we are requesting that **vouchers** be donated as this will enable families to get whatever is necessary. Vouchers which would be suitable could be purchased from: Muldoon's, Overend's Butchers, O'Neill's Magherafelt, Smyths, Toymaster (Cuddy's), O2 Shop, McConnell's, Bellaghy Pharmacy, B&M Bargains and Graham's. Our families would need time to use these vouchers so we need them by **8 December**. Thanking you in anticipation. **There will still be the special SVP Christmas Collection next weekend 9/10 December.**

The Offertory Collection for last week was:

Bellaghy Parish: £2,480.00

Greenlough Parish: £741.43

November Standing Orders

Bellaghy: £1,781.50 Greenlough: £910.00 Thank you.



December Schedules:

St Mary's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays: B Campbell
Vigil: C O'Neill, M Larkin, B McMenamin, J McGoldrick.
11am: M Scullion, T O'Kane, P Diamond, K O'Neill.

Readers: Vigil: Louise Steele
11am: Fidelma McClenaghan

Weekdays: Mon: M Scullion **Wed:** A Scott
Fri: M Kilpatrick

Car Park: Pius Diamond, Chris Diamond.

Altar Society: Kate McGoldrick.

Church Cleaners: John Paul 11 Young People.

Stewards:
Vigil: Francis Diamond & Aidan Diamond
11am: Brian Scullion & Peter Diamond.

Greenlough Christmas Mass Bouquets: Mass Bouquets £2 each or 3 cards for £5. cards will be available next week in the Church, Parish Office, Sacristy and usual sellers. Proceeds towards Parish Funds.

St Mary's PS Greenlough—Open Night:
On Wed 6 Dec 4pm—6pm.

Bellaghy Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the sacristy and Parish Office. *Minimum donation £2. All proceeds will go to the Macmillan Unit, Antrim Area Hospital.*

Fr Pat hopes to attend the Sick and Housebound during the week ahead, as follows:

Monday 4 December (morning) - Bellaghy A

Tuesday 5 December (afternoon) - Greenlough A

Friday 8 December (morning) - Bellaghy B
"" (afternoon from 5pm) - Ballyscullion

The Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in **St Columba's, Long Tower, Derry** continuing each Sunday before Christmas beginning at 6pm. This year's theme is "Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood" Guest speaker on Sun 3 December will be **Fr Pat O'Hagan.**
<https://longtowerchurch.org/webcam/>

The proposed Mass times for Christmas are as follows:

Saturday 23 December—Vigil Masses in Greenlough, 5.30pm, and Bellaghy, 7pm.

Sunday 24 December—no morning Mass.

The times of the Vigil Masses in Ballyscullion, Bellaghy and Greenlough on Christmas Eve, and the morning Masses for Christmas Day in all three churches will be announced next weekend.

Vocations: St Paul says, "I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers..." We pray for the future priests / preachers of our diocese, that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide their words.

Mass and Vigil of Prayer for Vocations in St Patrick's Church, Dungiven, Fri 8 Dec, 8pm - 9.30pm. May be viewed on the parish webcam.

Bingo: Every Monday at 8.30pm in the Open Door Complex.

Everyone Matters—Christmas Performance on Sun 10 Dec at 2.30pm in The Open Door Complex. Entrance is free. Fundraising donation buckets will be at the door.